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Application No.: 09/981,483	) Examiner: Jonathan M. FOREMAN
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Filed: October 16, 2001	)
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For: UNIVERSAL DIAGNOSTIC	)
PLATFORM	)

Please see attached Transmittal Letter for Response/Amendment, with request to charge \$684.00 to deposit account for additional claims fee (1 page), and Amendment and Response to Office Action (29 pages, pages 1-29).

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**Inventor(s):** Dirk BOECKER et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/981,483

**Examiner:** Jonathan M. FOREMAN

**Filing Date:** October 16, 2001

**Group Art Unit:** 3736

**Title:** UNIVERSAL DIAGNOSTIC PLATFORM

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

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Respectfully submitted,  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, and pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on  
page 3 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 24.**